

AN EARNEST APPEAL

IN BEHALF OF

HUMAN LIFE, HEALTH,

AND

HAPPINESS.

BY

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# THE GREAT TRIUMPH OF THE AGE!

A work which has cost a Herculean amount of labor, immense research, and the most untiring perseverance—in which is combined the learning, experience, and observation of the greatest minds of ancient and modern times; together with the results of a very extensive and successful practice, the varied experience and most critical and diligent observation of nearly thirty years on the part of its distinguished author—a work which has been honored by NINE GOLD MEDALS, as high testimonials of respect for the author and his treatise, from as many SOVEREIGNS OF EUROPE, and which has received the highest recommendations and encomiums from the FIRST LIGHTS OF THE AGE in literature and science, both in Europe and America—and also from learned professional INSTITUTIONS and SOCIETIES of the highest order and distinction. This work is entitled

THE AMERICAN PRACTICE OF MEDICINE  
ABRIDGED; Or the FAMILY PHYSICIAN. Being the  
*Scientific System of Medicine: On Vegetable and Botanical Principles. Designed for All Classes. In Nine Parts.*

PART I. The Means of Preventing Disease and Promoting Health. PART II. General Principles of the Reformed Practice of Medicine, and Indications of Cure. PART III. Internal Diseases. PART IV. Surgical Diseases. PART V. Midwifery. PART VI. Vegetable Materia Medica. PART VII. Pharmacy and Dispensatory or Compounds. PART VIII. Diet for the Healthy and the Sick. PART IX. Outlines of Anatomy and Physiology, with Illustrations. Appendix.

This work embraces the CHARACTER, CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, and TREATMENT of the Diseases of MEN, WOMEN, and CHILDREN, of all Climates—by W. BEACH, M. D., Member of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York; Author of the "American Practice," in three volumes; Corresponding member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Berlin, Prussia; of the Medical and Physiological Society of Wetterau, Germany; of the Medical Society of Leipzig, Saxony; of the Medical Society of Bamberg, Bavaria; of the Natural Society of Friesberg, Dukedom of Baden, &c.

Complete in One Volume. ILLUSTRATED WITH NEARLY TWO HUNDRED ENGRAVINGS. Ninth Edition, Improved.

In this great work, making between eight and nine hundred pages, the Arcana, or mysteries of medical and surgical science, which have been hid from ages and generations—locked up in immense and numerous volumes, and more or less in an unknown tongue, are here revealed in a clear, simple, and condensed style. The whole field of medical and surgical knowledge is laid open, and brought within the reach of all classes; so that every man and woman of common sense may as fully understand the nature causes and treatment of

disease, as the most learned physician and surgeon. Such a work, containing a voluminous mass of medical intelligence, comprehending the several departments of ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, SURGERY, MATERIA MEDICA, and PHARMACY, thoroughly classified, and arranged under separate heads, with the highest light thrown on each which ancient experience and modern discovery has revealed, has not its like in the known world. This work stands before the world without a rival. The man is not living, the medical work does not exist, which has received the golden honors, the enthusiastic commendations, the unqualified approbation and praise which have been bestowed upon the author and his inestimable treatise.

When the veil is lifted from all other sciences, and the press is teeming with publications designed to bring the knowledge of these within the comprehension and before the eyes of the common people, making all persons acquainted with their most minute and intricate phenomena, why should the science involving the knowledge of the human constitution, of health and disease—matters of the very highest consequence to us all—why should these paramount subjects, we ask, be wrapped in mystery, shrouded in the obscurity of the dark ages, and be attained only by a long and tedious study of a barbarous phraseology, or of languages long since obsolete and dead? There can be no reason for this but a desire to keep the mass of mankind in ignorance—to establish a monopoly of medical knowledge, and to make the many depend for life and health upon the few—of which few a large part are immature and inexperienced in the practice of medicine, many are mere sciolists, who have taken up the profession for purposes of ambition or gain, and as many more are reckless, heartless empirics and charlatans. Why should not mankind know as much about the organization of that MASTER-PIECE OF DIVINE WORKMANSHIP, the human body—of the laws which govern it in health and disease, as of the boundaries of countries, the localities of rivers and the heights of mountains—how to multiply, or divide, or subtract fractions, or to parse a sentence in Pope's Homer? It is high time that the cloud of darkness and mysticism which hangs over the public mind on the subject of anatomical, physiological, therapeutical, and surgical science were for ever dispelled.

A new day has dawned, and upon those who dwell in the shadows of night light has poured its effulgence. In the publication of the great work, whose merits are in some small degree endeavoring to present, we have been introduced into a NEW ERA: men, women, need no longer grope in the dark—they need not plot their health and lives in the hands of men of no skill and intelligence they know nothing, or follow their own blind impressions; or the suggestions of false guides, in ministering to their own bodies when it

desed. Here the whole subject in all its fullness is placed intelligibly before the eyes, and within the comprehension of all inquiring minds. Henceforth ignorance is inexcusable in all who refuse to use the means now so amply placed before them, both to understand, to prevent, and cure diseases of all kinds that are curable.

To Parents this work is of incalculable value, in making them acquainted with the diseases of children, and the best mode of treatment in all cases. By having this treatise to refer to in any emergency, they can learn the character of the particular disease or affection which needs attention, and the genuine indications of cure. And with the knowledge which this book will give them, they will not need, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, to send for a physician; moreover, by having in this book a physician in their own houses constantly, they will always feel a quietude and serenity in view of any sudden attack, which it is impossible to feel without something of this sort. No parent, especially no mother, who values either her own life or the lives of her children, should be without this invaluable directory, which is as sure and true a guide in preventing as in curing the maladies of children.

To Sea Captains, Sailors, and Travellers, whether by sea or land, this volume will be an inestimable treasure. It will be in effect a physician and surgeon always on hand; and as we are ever liable to disease, and to casualties, while in situations where no medical adviser can be personally procured, or if such assistance is procured at all it is by much effort, expense, or delay, and often when it is too late to answer any useful purpose.

But with the Family Physician on board ship, or in the steamboat, or in your trunk, with a smaller or larger assortment of medicines recommended in this book, according to circumstances, you need never be at a loss to know what to do in any difficulty which may arise, or upon the occurrence of any accident. Ship masters and captains of steamboats should not fail to possess themselves of this storehouse of medical knowledge. They owe the advantages, the security, to themselves, to the passengers, and to the hands on board, which this book will give to all the parties. Besides, passengers and travellers should not always leave these matters to others, but provide for themselves, and thus escape much anxiety in time of great peril, if not preserve themselves from a premature death. A lady in Windsor, Conn., purchased the work, and presented it to her daughter, recently married, and bound for Canada. The daughter, in the first letter to her mother, returned "her grateful thanks for her invaluable present, *which she had been very sick on her journey, and believed the information she obtained from the work had actually rescued her from an untimely grave.*" Reflect for a moment upon the benefit to be derived from a judicious system of medicine, like the one we are here presenting, which may be resorted to in any emergency or attack of disease! There are some cases where immediate attention is required, as in croup, cholera morbus, colic, hemorrhages, &c., and which demand prompt and vigorous treatment at the onset. These attacks are liable to occur in the night, or on the ocean, or at a great distance from medical aid of any kind.

Every Family should, without hesitation, possess themselves of this incomparable depository of medical science and experience. It should be a book read and

referred to daily, and with which the whole family should be made acquainted, and its principles and practice should be stored up in the memories of both parents and children. Excepting the *Scriptures*, "which are able to make us wise unto salvation," no book of greater value, interest, or consequence, can be put into the hands of the families of this or any other land. We endeavor, and at much expense, to have our children taught to speak correctly, to calculate numbers, to name the locations and boundaries of countries, kingdoms, cities, rivers, mountains—to navigate ships—to analyze and combine mineral and vegetable substances—to write and translate languages—but fail to make them or ourselves acquainted with that fundamental substratum upon which all these depend: viz. LIFE AND HEALTH. For of what value or profit is all the intelligence appertaining to this life which we may have acquired, if we have neither health, or strength, or life to use it? There is no man so simple that he cannot be taught to cultivate grain, and no woman so devoid of common sense as to be incapable of learning the art of making that grain into bread; and shall the means of preserving our health by the culture and preparation of food be so intelligible, and yet the means of restoring it when lost be so abstruse, uncertain, complicated, voluminous, and consequently so wholly unknown to the mass of mankind, as to make their existence in this world, and its interests, depend upon a few fallible men, who are often both unfeeling and unprincipled? Is the way of salvation to the soul so plain "that the way-faring man, though a fool, shall not err therein;" and yet the way of the salvation of the body so complicated, difficult, or impossible, as to be attained only by a favored few? To suppose this, is to call in question the goodness and wisdom of the common and impartial Father of us all, and to believe that He acts without unity and system in all His works.

Parents are toiling to acquire wealth, literary knowledge, respectability, and character for their children: of how much greater importance is it that they should secure to them life, health, a vigorous physical constitution, and that vastly superior intelligence upon which all these benefits depend for their value and their use? Next to the Bible should the "Family Physician" be possessed, understood, and prized—and placed in juxtaposition with it in the book-case. As the first provides for the prevention and cure of the moral maladies with which we are so sadly infested, so the other provides for the prevention and cure of the physical or corporeal diseases to which flesh is heir.

But look at the collateral advantages which are to be derived from the facts, the experience, the science, in a word, the rich mine of intelligence which this book gives—FIRST, in the economy of money. You pay five dollars for this volume, and you have the whole field of medicine laid open to your view. You are made to understand your own symptoms and diseases as well as any physician can inform you—you are informed of the causes, whether from climate, atmosphere, miasma, change of weather, diet, or hereditary taint, of your specific affection, and you are made acquainted with the most effective, safe, and successful means of restoring health. The means of all others the most potent, prompt, and appropriate, may be growing all around you, and you not know it. This book will not only give you the names, the qualities and description, but the *fac-similes*, in splendid colored plates of the plants them-

selves. You may be affected with every variety of disease, whether internal or external, whether medical or surgical, and you will find them all delineated in this book; so that if you know the symptoms of any or all in your own person, or in the persons of your friends, you will not fail to recognize its history, cause, treatment, or indications of cure, in this book. In every instance probably in which you, or if you have a family, one of your children or your wife is out of health, your physician's bill amounts to nearly or quite the cost of this volume; with this in your possession *nine-tenths* of this expense will be saved, to be devoted to some more profitable purpose. Hundreds who have purchased this work—for you will perceive that it has had somewhat of a wide circulation, this being the *NINTH EDITION*—have said, that it has saved to themselves and families *HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS YEARLY*, and that money could not purchase the copy they have, if they could not procure another in its place. Such is the estimate put upon it by those who own the work and practically know its value. There is not a family in the land who would not save the price of this volume in a short time, either in the prevention or the cure of disease, if not even their own lives, and those that are as dear to them, at least, as life itself.

Another advantage to be derived from an acquaintance with the teachings of this distinguished work, is the *SECURITY WHICH IT GIVES AGAINST ALL NEEDLESS ALARMS* where apparently dangerous symptoms are suddenly and unexpectedly manifested. Ignorance and uncertainty always suggest the worst and most appalling apprehensions, even where there is not the slightest danger; or they induce us to run to the opposite extremes, and thus make us supine, inactive, inclining us to hope for the best, because appearances do not indicate immediate peril or alarming symptoms. This book will calm the fears of the patient and his friends where there is a false alarm, and restore the agitated to their rightful self-possession; and do this upon the strongest, clearest statements of the case, in all its various stages, not by inducing a false confidence, or fatal repose, as is often the case with physicians, who seek to accomplish their object (often a good one) by wily management, and not by honest scientific truthfulness. But we are ever to remember, that the end does not sanctify the means—that we are never to do evil that good may come. Honesty is the true policy, and such is the invariable doctrine of this book. On the other hand, where there is just cause for alarm, and necessity for prompt and vigorous action, symptoms and other evidences are given, which will prevent, as far as it is possible, all surprise or delay in making proper provision for immediate relief in cases of emergency. It is intelligence, thorough information, which prevents either presumptuous confidence or sudden terror, and which enables us, in all instances, to act wisely, calmly, and with the best hopes of success.

Another advantage secured by this book which is worthy of the highest consideration, and which the experience of all medical men has demonstrated to be paramount among the means employed to restore the sick, is the indispensable aid of *INTELLIGENT NURSES*. *Nine-tenths* of the physicians will inform you, that immensely more depends upon good nursing than upon the physician—that ignorance and negligence in a nurse more than undo all that the best physicians can accom-

plish; and, on the other hand, where nurses are well informed, have a proper acquaintance with pathology, symptomatology, and the treatment of disease in general, the medical attendant has a constant, a wise, and competent representative at the bed-side of his patient when he is absent; and all parties may rely on the recovery of the patient, if human aid, guided by a true and judicious system of medical science, can accomplish it. It is often necessary that nurses should exercise an independent judgment in the absence of the physician, either in giving or withholding his prescriptions, as their operation may be found to be beneficial or injudicious; and, if so, it is highly important that they should know enough of the theory and practice of medicine to assure them what are favorable, and what are unfavorable symptoms—to understand the diagnosis of diseases. Moreover, acute and active diseases are changing their character every hour, and sometimes almost every moment; *these nurses should know*—should be able to mark, distinguish, and often anticipate them by counteracting remedies; or, at least, be able to make an intelligent report of them to the attendant physician on his return. The value of a well-informed nurse is incalculable, as the life of the patient is pre-eminently in the hands and at the mercy of the nurse. It is to be feared, that double the number of persons perish through the incompetence of nurses, than from the mal-practice of physicians, supposing their system of medicine to be good.

Now, this is the work to make *FIRST RATE NURSES*, and to multiply them on every hand. With this book every mother, sister, daughter, father, son, and brother, will be qualified to perform, when occasions occur, the office of nurse to any other member of the family who may need this kind of assistance; and it will not be necessary, as a general thing, to hire such, to send to a distance to obtain one, or be without in time of epidemics or general sickness, in consequence of the great demand at such times, and the present scarcity of good nurses to supply it. Another thing of nearly equal importance is, that all who *WATCH WITH THE SICK* through the night should be infinitely better informed as to the proper treatment of patients who are entrusted to their care, and whose sickness may be greatly protracted, and even their lives sacrificed, by their ignorance and inattention. Certainly, on no subject appertaining to the affairs of this life, should the whole people be more fully and correctly informed, than on the great one upon which this work so amply and clearly treats.

But of all persons, physicians excepted, *there is no* another class who should more fully possess themselves of the knowledge which this book gives, as an indispensable part of their professional outfit, than *CLERGYMEN*. No men have greater opportunities for doing good—for communicating useful advice and information, in pastoral and social visits, in lyceum and church lectures, and in the pulpit—at the sick bed, and on the funeral occasion. It is the office of the minister of *Christianity*, like that of his great *DIVINE MASTER*, to minister to the comfort of the *bodies* as well as to the *souls* of men—to say to them "Do thyself no harm physically, as well as morally or spiritually"—and be greatly is that clergyman's usefulness enlarged, who, having acquainted himself with the principles of the book, is able to communicate them to others in time of *need*, and save the lives of his bearers and brethren.

preserving wives from orphanage. Missionaries in foreign lands, who possess a knowledge of medicine, hold a thousand fold greater influence in their hands over the heathen than those who do not. A clergyman in New England who purchased this work, and who procured a diploma from its distinguished author, by visiting the poor of his flock, and prescribing for them, has acquired an influence over them which no power on earth can break, and an attachment and confidence, such as the most affectionate and trusting children feel toward, and repose in, a father. Most certainly no clergyman should be without this book, and the knowledge which it contains. To such it must prove, in a thousand ways, and on numberless occasions, an invaluable treasure.

But to PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS who desire to excel, and especially to succeed in mitigating human suffering, and saving human life, this book is certainly one of the most valuable which they can put in their professional library. They may have read all other authors—they may be familiar with Richerand, with Wilson, with Watson, Eberle, Dunglison—with Hunter, Cooper, Abernethy, Armstrong, Hall, and a host of other medical and surgical writers, but without this work their studies are incomplete—their fitness to be successful practitioners must necessarily be imperfect—nor will their skill, however great, compensate for their ignorance of the immense fund of practical knowledge which they cannot fail to find in this incomparable volume. We might fill a volume with extracts from letters of physicians who have addressed letters of congratulation to the author, and who have spoken in terms of the highest praise of the work, at the same time expressing the sincerest gratitude to Dr. BEACH for his labor of love and mercy, in placing within their reach a work which had given unprecedented success to their professional labors—a success so great, that it was beyond what they had ever expected, and which would be to any but an eye-witness incredible. The letters are from many who had practised for years on the old mineral, depletive, and hypothetical system—others from those who had long practiced Thompsonianism by emetics and steaming, and others on various hypotheses, or systems, so called.

The following are specimens of the great mass of testimonials of the above description which have been received by the author:—

Dr. I. F. DEFFENBACHER, of *Mason, Ohio*, writes—  
 “Dear Sir—I have been practising medicine for several years. During the last four years I have had your ‘American Practice,’ in three volumes. I consider your work THE MASTER-PIECE of all the books that I have read on medical practice, botany, and surgery. I am done with the calomel practice, and continue, for good reasons, opposed to the Thompsonian, regarding it as a very imperfect system. One of my students obtained your new work, [The American Practice Abridged, in one volume,] in Cincinnati, for five dollars. It is worth one thousand dollars, instead of five. I do really think, Doctor, the Botanic System, based upon scientific principles, will be universally embraced before many years. Yours, truly, &c.”

Dr. JOSEPH GROVER, of *Rock Island, Ill.*, writes—  
 “Dr. W. BEACH, Sir—I have had, since last July, between fourteen and fifteen hundred cases of bilious remittent and intermittent fever, and I have lost but two

according to the Reformed System of Practice, and to my personal knowledge, the calomel and lancet practitioners have lost one out of every ten cases which they treated, who were affected with the same diseases; I a, where I lost two out of fourteen hundred they lost out of the same number one hundred and forty patients.”

Dr. NOAH MILLER, of *New Carlisle, St. Josephs Co., Indiana*, writes as follows:—“Dr. W. BEACH, Dear and venerable Sir—I have read your works with the most exquisite pleasure, and am compelled to exclaim, Blessed be the name of him who founded the glorious system of Medical Reform!—whose superior skill and talent succeeded in bringing out of chaos this brilliant system of medical science, which dispenses blessings to all who receive and practise it! I have had on an average from seventeen hundred to three thousand patients yearly, during the last three years, and I have lost but four patients in that time. All this is the result of vegetable medicines, prescribed according to your ‘AMERICAN PRACTICE, or REFORMED SYSTEM OF MEDICINE.’

Says Dr. M. M. MILES, of *Boston, Mass.*, “I used the remedies recommended by your medical work, for two years or more in my practice, and I am highly pleased with their effect upon the system, in every kind of disease; so much so, that no money would induce me to return to the use of mineral poisons.”

“TO THE AUTHOR OF THE AMERICAN PRACTICE:

“Sir—Some time has elapsed since I became acquainted with your *Reformed System of Medical and Surgical Practice*, and I now embrace the opportunity to state, that the theory or principles advanced in your work fully meet my approbation, and which have been amply illustrated and demonstrated by an extensive practice.

“I was educated in the old school of medicine, and have, therefore, tested both systems. But a sense of justice constrains me to state, that the Reformed method of treating diseases entirely surpasses the other; and I am fully of the opinion, if it is embraced by competent persons, that it will supersede the mineral and depletive course, and become the standard practice of the day.

“With most cordial wishes for its dissemination and final success, I subscribe myself

“Respectfully yours,

“ANDREW SHANKLIN, M. D.

“Middleton, Hyde Co., North Carolina.”

“TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REFORMED COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, NEW YORK CITY:

“Dr. BEACH, Dear Sir—Although personally unacquainted with you, yet your name and works are familiar to me. The American Practice I have studied, admired, and approved, and am fully of opinion, that your system of practice will become universal.

“Yours affectionately, and with

“Much respect,

“A. UPHAM, M. D.”

“Rochester, New Hampshire.”

These are specimens of hundreds of similar testimonials, voluntarily presented to the author, by physicians of different schools, who have embraced this system from conviction of its superiority, and also from men and women of the first standing in different parts of the country.

It is astonishing when we reflect how long the mass of mankind have remained in ignorance of this most important of all the physical sciences, and that no Joshua has appeared to lead the people out of the wilderness, and over Jordan into the land that abounds with medical and botanical wealth, and consequent therapeutical intelligence and independence! And it is equally astonishing how little mankind know of the great fact, that MORAL CHARACTER AND CONDUCT have a most intimate connection with the PHYSIOLOGICAL CONDITION OF THE HUMAN CONSTITUTION!—that the moral feelings are affected in innumerable ways, and beyond measure, by the normal or abnormal condition of the physical system!—and crimes of all sorts find their predisposing, if not also their exciting cause, in a *pathological or diseased state of the corporeal functions!* How much of the fretfulness, perverseness, and violence of children are owing to this cause? How much of the gluttony and drunkenness are owing to disease of the organs of alimentation?—for it is well known that dyspeptics have a morbid appetite, and hence are very apt to indulge themselves to excess—how much of anger, revenge, and their destructive manifestations, arise from an irritable and diseased state of the nervous system?—that licentiousness, suicide, and even murder, are the product of a deranged physiology?—that grief, despondency, loss of hope and all ambition, and even affection for family and friends, are often induced by loss of health? In view of the great and paramount importance of this science, can any man or woman remain in voluntary ignorance and be innocent? Is not IGNORANCE here a CRIME, when the means of knowledge and corporeal salvation are before us?

One very important point to be observed in this work, and one which should alone make it deserving of the highest value among works of this kind, is this—that it recommends and prescribes no remedy but what may be taken SAFELY at all times, in the most exposed situations, let the disease be what it may. The medicines prescribed are such as can be found in all countries and places, and are such as the beneficent God of nature has provided, ready at any time for use—which spring up out of our mother earth—which grow and are nourished as the food we eat—such as the roots, the barks, the foliage, the flowers, the fruits, and seeds of plants. This work discards minerals—as mercury, antimony, arsenic, and such like—as VIRULENT POISONS, unfit

for medical purposes; the use of the lancet, as a general thing, it also rejects, and substitutes what answers an infinitely better purpose; and the knife, also, it abjures, in like manner, in surgery; which has been warranted by the long and extensive experience and unexampled success of the author, which has demonstrated that it belongs more appropriately to the butcher, and not to the humane, the scientific, and successful surgeon.

The inestimable instruction, facts, and illustrations which this work gives in relation to the PREVENTION OF DISEASE, render it of immense practicable importance to all classes of persons; and, if generally known, would save mankind from an incalculable amount of misery, loss, and expenditure of time, strength, and money. The counsel given respecting diet, air, exercise, clothing, climate, cleanliness, and a host of other things upon which health and life depend, IS WORTH MORE THAN THE PRICE OF THE BOOK, and we doubt not that all who read this part of the work will fully agree with us in this opinion. Says Dr. TOXREX, a distinguished medical practitioner—“Medical remedies or medical instructions which enable us to prevent or relieve pain or disease, to preserve and prolong health and life, cannot be very precisely estimated in dollars and cents. Such is the value, in our estimation, of Dr BEACH's work. It is a desideratum which we have long desired to see, not only for our own accommodation, but also for the general benefit of the human family. Dr. Beach not only informs us what to do to relieve diseases, but also what not to do—which last is equal, if not more important to know than the former. We are convinced that this work ought to be in every medical library and school.”

Says Dr. WATERMAN, of Cranston, R. I., in a letter to the author—“I know not how to express my gratitude for the great benefit I have derived from your invaluable writings. The first 220 pages are worth more than all the books on DIETETICS ever before published; and, were it in my power, the head of every family should have access to it. I see nothing but the people's ignorance of what your work really is, to prevent its INTRODUCTION INTO EVERY FAMILY. A gentleman to whom I recommended your work last spring, informed me a few days since, that it had saved him more than ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS since that time—a few months.”

## FOREIGN AND AMERICAN RECOMMENDATIONS.

As expressions of their very high estimation of Dr. Beach's medical work, nine sovereigns of Europe have awarded him GOLD MEDALS—to several of whom, if not all, the work was recommended by the most flattering encomiums, after thorough examination, by their FIRST PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS.

The following are fac-simile engravings of the several gold medals, and copies of letters accompanying them, from these royal personages, their cabinet officers, ambassadors, and the physicians to their majesties.

The first which we present represents the GOLD MEDAL from WILLIAM THE FOURTH, King of England, with the seals accompanying it.

Copy of a letter from the HON. W. McMICHAEL, Librarian to His Majesty the KING OF ENGLAND, to Dr. BEACH, of New York.

London, Feb. 10th, 1836.

Sir—I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your work on “THE AMERICAN PRACTICE OF MEDICINE,” presented by you to his Majesty the KING OF ENGLAND; a present which the king duly appreciates; and I am commanded to transmit to you, on the part of his Majesty, the accompanying GOLD MEDAL. I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. McMICHAEL, King's Librarian

Medal.



Reverse Side of the Medal



English Seal.



King's Librarian Seal.



French Seal.



The following is the fac-simile of the GOLD MEDAL presented by the KING and QUEEN of the FRENCH.

The letters below are copies of two which were addressed, one to Dr. J. F. DANIEL LOBSTEIN, and the other to Dr. W. BEACH, by BARON ALIBERT, Physician to LOUIS PHILLIP, King of the French, Professor of

the Medical Faculty of Paris, and Chief Physician of the Hospital of St. Louis.

Medal.



Reverse Side of the Medal.



My Dear and much honored Colleague—I have received the letter which you had the extreme goodness to write me, and also Dr. Beach's EXCELLENT WORK. I beseech you to become my interpreter to this MERITORIOUS MAN, and to transmit to him my liveliest acknowledgments.

I have this moment in my house two packages, one directed to you, and the other to Dr. Beach; each package contains a copy of my *Monography of the Cutaneous Diseases*. I will send them to you.

Accept, I pray you, my dear Mr. Lobstein, the assurance of my high and perfect esteem.

BARON ALIBERT.

Paris, August 23d, 1833.

DOCTOR AND PROFESSOR BEACH, OF NEW YORK:

My very Illustrous and Honored Colleague—I have received your GREAT and ADMIRABLE WORK, which you had the extreme kindness to send me. It is

a MODEL OF ANALYSIS, AND A MASTER-PIECE OF METHOD AND MEDICAL EXPERIENCE. I take the liberty to send you, in return for your excellent present, a copy of my work entitled "*Monography of Cutaneous Diseases*." I hope you will receive it as a feeble testimony of my consideration for your distinguished talents.

LE BARON ALIBERT.

Next follows the GOLD MEDAL awarded to Dr. Beach by the KING OF WURTEMBERG, Germany, with the letter of his *Privy Counsellor*, BARON VON LEHR, to Dr. LOBSTEIN, of New York, and another from Dr. VON LUDWIG.

Honored Professor—Having received the high order of his Majesty to announce to you that his Majesty has received your letter of Nov. 12th, which you forwarded

to me, and Dr. BEACH's work, "THE AMERICAN PRACTICE OF MEDICINE," which was delivered by me, to his Majesty; the King has been pleased to accept the same, and to request you to present to the Doctor, in the name of his Majesty, this letter and the enclosed GOLD MEDAL, as a testimony of his Majesty's acknowledgment of the author's DISTINGUISHED MERIT AND SKILL IN MEDICAL SCIENCE.

*Medal.*



Extract from a letter of Dr. VON LUDWIG First Counsellor, and First Physician and Surgeon to his Majesty the KING of WURTEMBERG, to Dr. LOBSTEIN.

Sir—The interesting work of Prof. BEACH, which he has sent to his gracious Majesty, I have read, and made a favorable report of (to the King); and I am glad if the acknowledgment which Dr. BEACH has received by my report to his Majesty will afford him satisfaction.

VON LUDWIG.

The following engraving is the fac-simile of a GOLD MEDAL from the KING OF SAXONY to the author of "THE AMERICAN PRACTICE;" which was accompanied by a letter from his MINISTER OF STATE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

To Dr. W. BEACH:

Sir—The letter of the 10th of January, by which you presented to his Majesty, my august sovereign, the KING OF SAXONY, your work on "THE AMERICAN PRACTICE OF MEDICINE," has been recently delivered to his high address, with the work, by Dr. CARUS, (First Physician to the King,) who at the same time has been able to accompany it with a report (to his Majesty) INFINITELY ADVANTAGEOUS TO IT, and which DISPLAYED THE DISTINGUISHED MERIT which you have acquired by its publication.

His Majesty has received it with great pleasure, and has deigned to order me to express to you his acknow-

*Medal.*



With the greatest pleasure I obey his Majesty's high commands; and at the same time requesting you to inform me when the present shall have arrived.

I have the honor to remain, with the highest consideration, your

Obedient servant,

VON LEHR, Privy Counsellor.

Stuttgart, July 9th, 1835.

*Reverse Side of the Medal.*



*Seal.*



ledgment for it; and to transmit to you, as a visible testimony of the value which he attaches to it, the enclosed GOLD MEDAL, bearing the motto, VIRTUTI ET INGENIO (To Virtue and Genius).

In discharging this grateful commission, I experience, on my part, a particular satisfaction in being able to add to it the expression of my distinguished consideration.

Dresden, Feb. 3d, 1835.

JDE MINCKWITZ.

The Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of his Majesty the King of Saxony.

*Reverse Side of the Medal.*



*Fac-simile of a GOLD MEDAL from the KING of the NETHERLANDS, with a letter from a member of his Cabinet to Dr. Beach.*

*The Hague, August 18th, 1837.*

*Sir*—The King, my august sovereign, having appreciated the work which you have respectfully presented to him agreeably to your letter, "THE AMERICAN PRACTICE OF MEDICINE," he has directed me to present you, in his name, with a GOLD MEDAL, which I have the honor now to present.

In acquitting myself of those orders of his Majesty, I beg to apprise you of my great respect.

Minister of the Interior,  
DE KORK.

To Mr. Professor W. BEACH,  
New York.

*Medal.*



*Seal.*



*Reverse Side of the Medal.*



*Fac-simile of a GOLD MEDAL presented Dr. BEACH by the QUEEN OF PRUSSIA.*

*Medal.*

*Reverse Side of the Medal.*



*Fac-simile of a GOLD MEDAL from the KING OF PRUSSIA, with the copy of an autograph letter from the King, and one from his First Physician and Surgeon, Professor VON HUFELAND, one of the most distinguished medical men of Europe, and a celebrated author.*

To Dr. BEACH, NEW YORK:

*Sir*—I have received your work, which you presented

*Medal.*

to me, under date of January 10th, and request you to accept the enclosed GOLD MEDAL, as a token of my acknowledgment.

FREDERICK GUILLAUME,  
King of Prussia.

Berlin, Oct. 23d, 1833.

*Reverse Side of the Medal.*



Copy of a letter from Professor VON HUFELAND, First Physician to his Majesty the King of Prussia, to Dr. LOBSTEIN.

Berlin, Sept. 10th 1834.

Honorable Sir—I have the honor to announce to you, that I have received your letter, and Dr. BEACH's, with a copy of your interesting work, accompanied by a letter to his Majesty the King. His Majesty has politely accepted it, and has sent, through the Prussian Minister in America, a GOLDEN PRIZE MEDAL to Dr. BEACH.

I sent this spring an answer, and a letter of acknowledgment to Dr. BEACH, with DIPLOMAS to you both, as corresponding members of the Medical and Surgical Society of Berlin; and I hope that the same have all been safely received; if so, have the kindness, I pray you, to inform me of it.

I am, with the highest consideration,  
Yours,  
VON HUFELAND.

Medal.



Sir—His serene highness, my lord, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, my august master, has charged me to inform you of the reception of the work which you sent to his address, together with your letter of the 10th of April, 1833, and has instructed me to send you, with his best acknowledgments, the MEDAL which you will receive with this letter, as a testimony to you of his sovereign pleasure.

In order to afford me satisfaction, I pray you to accept this packet which I send you; and be assured that it is with pleasure I avail myself of this occasion to as-

Medal.



Rome, March 2d, 1837.

Illustrations Sir—It has been the pleasure of his Holiness to accept the valuable work on medicine that the author, Dr. Beach, of New York, has presented as a mark of respect and devotion towards his sacred person. The holy father, seeing this work HONORED BY SO MANY SOVEREIGNS OF EUROPE, and by SO MANY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS IN THE TWO HEMISPHERES, wishes also to interchange the gift with a MEDAL OF GOLD, and which I send to you to forward to Dr. BEACH, in the same mode in which the work was received by his Holiness.

The work was accompanied by a very gracious letter from Professor D. LOBSTEIN, who is well known in Europe and America. Pleased with this occasion to renew the assurance of my high consideration, I remain,  
&c., &c.

Seal.



Fac-simile of a GOLD MEDAL from the DUKE OF TUSCANY, with a letter written in the name of the Duke, by the GRAND MASTER OF THE PALACE.

Reverse Side of the Medal.



sure you of the very high consideration with which I am your very humble servant.

COUNT SHEROOLEPO,

Grand Master of the Palace.

Dr. W. BEACH, New York.

Florence, 31st December, 1833.

Fac-simile of the GOLD MEDAL of the POPE OF ROME, awarded to Dr. BEACH, with a letter from his SECRETARY OF STATE to Hon. JNO. B. SARTON, Consul Gen. of Rome to the United States.

Reverse Side of the Medal.



For his Excellency the Secretary of State.

F. F. CAPACCINI.

Copy of a letter from Professor VON WALTHER, Privy Counsellor and Surgeon to his Majesty the KING OF BAVARIA, to Dr. BEACH, of New York.

To DOCTOR AND PROFESSOR BEACH:

Sir—I have received the copy of your learned work which you sent me. This work, so interesting and instructive, places you in the RANKS OF THE MOST CELEBRATED AUTHORS OF OUR SCIENCE.

I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration,

Sir, your very humble and

Obedient servant,

DE WALTHER,

Privy Counsellor, &c.

Copy of a letter to Dr. W. BEACH, President of the Reformed Medical Society, New York, from Professor HESSELBACK, Doctor of Physic, Professor of Philosophy and Surgery, First Physician and Surgeon in the Hospital at Paderburg, Germany, Corresponding Member of many Medical Societies and Literary Institutions of Europe, and Member of the Medical Society of New York.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Honorable Colleague,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your valuable and excellent work, and the diploma of the Reformed Medical Society of the United States. In return I send you copies of my various medical works, and I pray you to accept them as tokens of my highest consideration. It would be flattering to me if my labors could obtain the approbation of so COMPETENT A JUDGE.

With the highest respect,

I remain yours,

ADAM KASPAR HESSELBACK.

Bamberg, April 12th, 1834.

Extract of a letter from EDWARD ANDREWS, L. L. D., Minister of the Gospel, London, one of the most learned and distinguished Clergymen in England.

14 West St., Falmouth, near London,  
Friday, Oct. 15th, 1841.

My Dear Doctor—I do admire beyond expression your Books. I keep them in my parlor, and they are constantly read.

It is a mercy that God has given you health and ability to produce such a work; which is indeed the confluence of many gifts of thought running into one mighty ocean of instructive wisdom.

Mrs. Andrews unites in expressions of high esteem.

Adieu, my dear Doctor,

EDWARD ANDREWS, L. L. D.,

Minister of the Southerland Chapel, Walworth, near London.

New York, May, 1836.

Dr. W. BEACH—I congratulate you, dear sir, that the favorable opinion which I have entertained of the merits of your work, viz. that your diligence, judgment, and erudition, would be properly appreciated and rewarded, has now been generally acknowledged in both hemispheres.

Your work has not only been appreciated by, and received the highest approbation of the most distinguished physicians in France and Germany, but of the first medical faculties, medical societies, and of many of the most scientific and literary institutions of Europe, of which you have been honored with Diplomas as a corresponding member. Your work has also been honored with the high benevolence, approbation, and royal presents of their royal Majesties, King of Prussia, King of England, King of Saxony, King of Wurtemberg, and King Philippe, King of the French, whose great and distinguished personages are generally known as PROTECTORS OF ARTS AND SCIENCES; and whose royal generosity is extended to all distinguished authors, of any nation whatever.

Has any physician of this country been favored with the same honors? Can it be denied that your work has received the highest approbation which I have mentioned? It is the result of your skill, talents, and industry; and what is more, this is a production, like aromatic plants and flowers, from which the buzzing bee can take wax and honey; if they choose, without soiling or withering it. I have not any doubt, that as your work is read, the merits of it will be more and more appreciated, and many lives of our fellow citizens will be saved.

Please to accept my best wishes for your health and prosperity, the assurance of the high regard and esteem in which I remain, respectfully, my dear sir,

Your friend,

J. F. DANIEL, LOEBSTEIN, M. D.,

Of the Medical Faculty of Paris, Member of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York—of many other Medical Societies, Academies, and Scientific Institutions of Europe and America; Member of the Royal and Medical Society of Arts and Sciences of Friesburg, Grand Dukedom of Baden, and Professor of

the Theory and Practice of Physic, of Medical Jurisprudence, and of Midwifery, in New York: Author of several works on Medical and Literary Subjects.

[From the New York Advertiser of June 4th, 1836.]

"Dr. BEACH'S BOOK.—We some time since noticed the beautiful medals transmitted to the Kings of France, Prussia, Wurtemberg, and Saxony, to Dr. Beach, in return for his work sent to those distinguished personages. We yesterday saw the MEDAL, which the King of England has caused to be sent to Dr. Beach. This medal is of very fine gold, and exceedingly well executed; it bears the effigy and inscription of "King William IV." on one side, and "Queen Adelaide" on the other.

"This is the fifth royal present with which Dr. Beach has been honored, besides letters from THE MOST DISTINGUISHED PHYSICIANS OF EUROPE, announcing to him that his medical work has received their HIGHEST APPROBATION."

[From the New York Commercial Advertiser.]

COMPLIMENT TO GENIUS AND LEARNING.—We have examined this morning two splendid GOLD MEDALS, recently transmitted by royal personages to an American citizen, Dr. W. BEACH, of this city, author of "THE AMERICAN PRACTICE OF MEDICINE." Copies of the work were sent by the author to the Kings of Saxony and Prussia about six months ago, and the attention has been acknowledged by them in autograph letters, accompanied by the medals already referred to. Dr. Beach's work was specially recommended to the King of Saxony by Dr. CAVEUS, and to his Majesty of Prussia by Dr. VON HUFELAND, who were instructed by the monarchs to report on its merits. The medals, which are rich, heavy, and very handsome, bear the royal effigies with appropriate inscriptions on the reverse.

Extract from the Speech of the Hon. JOSEPH HASKELL in relation to the Practice of Physic and Surgery, before the Legislature of the State of New York, during the session of 1834.

"Among the most conspicuous of the Botanic Physicians stands Dr. BEACH, of New York, a man of profound learning and research. He, sir, stands the great reformer and founder of what is called the American Practice. Here, sir, are three volumes of his works, bearing a title on which every lover of his country can look, and his heart dilate with pleasure—THE AMERICAN PRACTICE (exhibiting them to the House). This work has received the approbation of the most distinguished physicians of France, and the author has been honored by his Majesty, the King of Prussia, with a handsome GOLD PRIZE MEDAL, for this valuable and interesting work, accompanied by a very flattering letter from his Majesty. (Here being called upon, Mr. Haskell exhibited the medal to the House.) The author has also been honored with a letter from the distinguished and celebrated Professor VON HUFELAND, First Physician to his Majesty the King of Prussia, in which he has announced to him that his publication has received the highest approbation, and that the Royal Medical College of Berlin had received him unanimously as a member of their Society. This work has also received the approbation of Louis Philippe, King of the French, who awarded to the author a royal present. It has also received the patronage of several eminent professors in Germany. It has also been pronounced a work of great merit by BARON ALIBERT, one of the most distinguished authors in Europe, first physician of the Hospital of St. Louis, and first physician of Louis Philippe, the King of the French. I hope its exalted worth will be duly appreciated by this Legislature, and the author receive from it the reward which he justly merits."

Boston, April 24th, 1846.

LEARNED AND MUCH ESTEEMED FRIEND:

The following letters are the product of a mind of enlarged capacity, and of high cultivation; a scholar and a man of science, whose advantages have been great, and who has not failed most assiduously to improve them to the utmost, in every branch of practical knowledge. These letters are the spontaneous tribute of one eminently capable of appreciating talent, genius, skill, research, and experience, especially in the science of medicine, to the celebrated work whose praise we feebly speak in this imperfect notice of it. They were written by the Rev. JOHN B. McMAHON, M. D., a Catholic clergyman in Boston, Mass., who combines with his clerical profession the extensive and successful practice of medicine and surgery. He studied medicine in Europe, and practised, but not without the exercise of his own sound judgment, according to the old school theory, till he fell in with Dr. Beach's work; since then he has adopted the Reform System, and these letters give the results of the change.

Boston, April 14th, 1846.

TO DR. W. BEACH, PRESIDENT OF THE REFORMED MEDICAL COLLEGE:

Learned and much esteemed Sir—I think it indeed a duty which I owe you, and of which I am not unmindful, to inform you how works the system in my hands of which you are the respected founder—a system which is likely to bring the blessing of the Almighty upon you or your children in this life, and to reflect imperishable honor upon your tomb.

I studied physic in Ireland, and practised there and here, I thank God, with very considerable success. I confess, however, that I had a predilection for your system these many years past, which grew in my mind from the reading of a very learned work entitled "*Institutiones Medicinæ Reformata in Concilio Veterum & Neotericorum.*" Permit me now to inform you, that within the last past six months I attended two hundred and ninety-eight patients, and treated every individual according to your system of prescriptions. I substituted your *Podophyllum Peltatum*, or the Mandrake, for mercury, &c., in various chronic diseases. But by strictly following your prescriptions, and giving them, as we say, a fair chance, how many of the above considerable number do you think I lost? WHY NOT ONE! Indeed, two individuals came to an untimely end through the supine ignorance of persons who called in other gentlemen of the profession, and the cases ended as I mentioned above. Long ago I made it a general rule never to interfere with the practice of other gentlemen, and to permit the interference of none, inasmuch as I was individually concerned. I can therefore safely and conscientiously avow, in the face of the city of Boston, that within the last six months I have not lost one individual of the above mentioned number.

Have I not, therefore, good reason, first to thank Almighty God for his goodness and protection, and you for the establishment of the REFORMED SYSTEM, which so evidently bears the palm over all others, if attentively and judiciously followed? May you enjoy prosperity in this life, and eternal happiness in the next, as the reward of your philanthropy, exhibited in your unceasing and fruitful researches for the benefit of your fellow man.

I remain, learned and respected sir, your sincere, unaffected, and faithful friend and servant,

JOHN B. McMAHON.

I received your letter at the post office, and I send by the next express the Latin work before mentioned. I beg to direct your attention particularly to the *XI. Chapter of the 2nd Part*—i. e., *de naturalæ facultate, nutritivæ & augmentativæ potentia*, &c., &c. After a proper study of the vegetative, nutritive, augmentative, locomotive, and appetitive powers with which God has endowed us, the philosopher, by induction, will immediately come to the conclusion, that your reformed system bears the palm over all others as much as the rose exceeds other flowers by its fragrance or sweet odor, and as high as the eagle soars over all other birds. You will not have your reward here, because there are many who are anxious to seem learned before they lay in a sufficient foundation for future progress, and many more are led away by a thirst for sordid gain, and who despise solid learning or deep research; and you know that a little learning is a dangerous thing. But, sir, your reward is reserved by a just and omnipotent Power, who knows and measures what you have done, and are continuing to do, for the happiness and preservation of your fellow man.

I know the Latin and French languages as fairly as most other men; I studied the authors on medicine in both, as far as in my power. I never felt wedded to any prevailing system, or the opinions of any man. I selected, according to the dictates of a conscientious judgment, what I conceived most reasonable or serviceable. I freely confess, in justice to you, that although I am much taken with the mode the French physicians use in treating some diseases, I have not fallen on any system which bears itself out to the last so safely, so fairly, and so philosophically, as your own, if properly understood and duly followed up.

I have no doubt, but on the contrary I have a strong presumption, that a Medical Depot of your Institute would take well in this city. It should, at all events, be worth a trial.

I feel anxious to see you, not altogether because you are truly a learned man, and a great and true benefactor to society, but because I believe the writings or sentiments of no other medical gentleman take so much of my mind, or are so consonant with my own, as yours are.

May you prosper, and be eternally happy, is the sincere prayer and wish of

Your friend and

Humble servant,

J. B. McMAHON.

A volume might be compiled of testimonials to the inestimable value of this work, similar to those already presented. But we judge the preceding to be sufficient to satisfy any person capable of appreciating the merits of such a production. If any further recommendation is wanting, you will find it in your own experience and observation, should you purchase the book, and apply its principles to your case, or to others under your control, when occasion calls for it—AND YOU WILL WANT NO FURTHER TESTIMONY.

All communications relating to this work, and orders for the same, should be addressed (POST PAID) to JAMES McALISTER, 141 Fulton-street, New-York.

# ALL THE FRIENDS OF THE REFORMED PRACTICE.

Having been very often applied to, from various parts of the country, for medicines made of ingredients of MY OWN SELECTION, and put up under MY OWN SUPERVISION, adapted to the cure of the several diseases described in my "American Practice," and "Family Physician,"—and having been repeatedly informed by friends abroad, that articles purporting to have been made according to directions in my Books, and bearing my name, but made up of spurious or inefficient materials, were vended by Druggists and Pedlars, and that in consequence of this the character of the Reformed Treatment has been placed in jeopardy, and the value of its prescriptions rendered doubtful—I therefore feel myself impelled in justice to the cause to which I have devoted my life, to take the most effective course which is in my power to defend from undeserved reproach, and from all liability thereto, the just reputation of the medicines, which I know by personal experience and observation in thousands of cases in my own practice of near thirty years, to be the most safe, sure, salutary, and effective remedies which can be employed in the various forms of disease—and in order to this, viz., to protect these remedies from being deteriorated, and from consequent depreciation, and also to meet the wishes of many friends, I have concluded to have all my medicines put up under my own immediate superintendence in forms suitable for transmission to all parts of the United States, Canada, the West Indies, and for vessels going to all parts of the world—with printed directions accompanying each article. All the various kinds, such as I use in my personal practice, I shall put up in Packages, Boxes, Vials, or Bottles, according to the nature of the materials of which they are composed, in small or large parcels, so as to come within the means and wants of all classes—and a complete assortment in medicine chests for individuals, families, or ship-masters, who may order them. And to assure the Public of their genuineness, and to guard against imposition, I shall have my likeness impressed upon the label of each article, with my WRITTEN signature inscribed on each label.

These medicines, adapted to all ages, constitutions, climates, and seasons, and suited to every variety and stage of disease—I shall warrant all who may be disposed to purchase them, shall be prepared of the very BEST INGREDIENTS which this and foreign countries can produce. As I shall purchase the raw materials in large quantities either in this city, (New York, where the very best facilities are afforded for procuring the purest and best articles of the kind,) or import them from abroad, at wholesale prices, I shall therefore be enabled to sell the prepared medicines much cheaper than the same materials can be procured by individuals any where, or by Druggists generally. This I shall do, not to take advantage of the afflictions or credulity of my suffering fellow-beings to amass wealth, but to preserve and maintain the high character of the Reformed system of medicine and practice, and to insure the

public against imposition and consequent damage therefrom by the sale and use of spurious and worthless articles, made for speculation by men who have no interest in that humane and merciful cause to which my life, money, reputation, and resources of all kinds have been unreservedly consecrated for many long and tedious years, in the midst of toil and discouragements which can scarcely be imagined.

As I know by innumerable facts, by extensive and repeated experience, and by long observation, the appalling, the awful mischiefs perpetrated by MINERAL POISONS, and the infinitely superior efficacy and inviolable safety of the VEGETABLE or BOTANICAL REMEDIES, in the most perilous and difficult cases—I therefore owe it to the cause of Medical Reform, to the friends and Physicians engaged in it, to the physical well-being of my fellow-men, to my own good name, and to posterity, to guard all parties against injury, by any just means in my power. While the adoption of this course on my part will not preclude individuals from preparing medicines for their own or family use, according to directions in my medical work—yet I wish it to be distinctly understood, and the public to be fully aware, that I will not be responsible for the action of any medicine sold as mine or bearing my name, except that which has my own likeness and WRITTEN signature on every label, covering each box, vial, package, &c. And I hereby caution the public against purchasing any medical preparations called "BEACH'S MEDICINES," except such as are put up in the manner above described—and I also warn all persons who shall use my labels and signature, that they will render themselves liable to costs of prosecution, and such damage as the courts of our country shall award me in such cases made and provided for by laws designed to protect proprietors from injury by forgers, counterfeiters, and such as vend their surreptitious inventions.

The medicines which I shall prepare, and hold in readiness to meet all orders, are such as I have used and continue to use with great success in my own personal practice—their names and uses are as follows:—

## ANTI-BILIOUS FAMILY PHYSIC.

Among the numerous Purgatives given, it is acknowledged by all persons who have used the Anti-Bilious Physic, that they have found none so safe and valuable; it is also a COMPLETE SUBSTITUTE FOR MERCURY IN EVERY SHAPE OR FORM, and far superior to CALOMEL, JALAP, SALTS, CASTOR OIL, ALOES, GAMBAGE, &c. It is suitable for all constitutions and ages, and, being entirely vegetable, no injury need be apprehended from taking cold, or any other cause. It will be found a safe, easy, and pleasant cathartic, in every case where one is indicated or required. Nearly all the purgatives administered, pass through the stomach and bowels, without stimulating them sufficient to create a healthy action; but this medicine not only cleanses them of bilious, or morbid matter, but likewise changes the secretions

while, at the same time, it invigorates or restores their tone. It operates throughout the whole alimentary or intestinal canal, diminishing the quantity of the circulating mass, equalizing the circulation, and re-establishing a healthy state of the biliary organs, stomach, and intestines.

It will be found very useful in all complaints arising from excess or deficiency of bile; in dyspepsia, or indigestion, costiveness, febrile diseases, headache, and in every case where a safe and thorough purgative is required, it is exceeded by no other medicine.

N. B.—All who are in the habit of using pills as purgatives will find this a perfect substitute for them all.

#### ALTERATIVE POWDER.

For rheumatism, scrofula, salt rheum, impurities of the blood, mercurial, syphilitic, and eruptive diseases, for cutaneous affections, or diseases of the skin, for ulcers, gout—also for white swelling, erysipelas, necrosis, rickets, and in every taint of the system, or corruption of the blood, from whatever cause it may arise.

In all states of the body, when the blood is in a vitiated condition, thick, black, and mixed with poisonous humors—and in all seasons of the year, but especially in the spring, when this vital fluid is most apt to be in a bad or corrupted state—when the glands about the ears, the neck, or throat, the arm-pits and groins, become swollen, the skin breaks out in eruptions, as pimples, blotches, boils, running sores, or ulcers—whether from mercury, poison, bad food, venereal disease, or syphilis, or hereditary taint, there can be nothing better than this medicine, as its great success has proved.

#### NEUTRALIZING MIXTURE.

For diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera morbus, summer complaints of children, and for all acute or chronic diseases of the bowels.

As a remedy for dysentery, summer complaint, or inflammation of the bowels, it is unequalled by any other medicine of the kind which is used for these most painful and stubborn diseases. It neutralizes the acids in the stomach and intestines, arrests griping, and bearing down pains, straining, and frequent inclination to go to stool, or tenesmus—it also assuages fever, produces healthy evacuations, and gives tone to the parts. If the disease, as is often the case, arises from a disordered state of the liver and biliary organs, it removes obstructions, and restores the healthy functions. I feel warranted, by the unexampled success of this medicine, in giving it the highest recommendation, as the very best article of the kind which I have known, among a multitude of others which are in great repute.

#### FEVER OR DIAPHORETIC POWDERS.

These are anodyne, sudorific, and anti-febrile—producing gentle perspiration, allaying pain, giving rest, and checking fevers and inflammations.

#### PILE ELECTUARY.

For hemorrhoids, or piles. It is perfectly pleasant to take, mild and easy in its operation, and affords immediate relief. We have not heard of a single case, in which this medicine has failed either to produce speedy relief, or to cure the complaint.

Of this remedy I am the ONLY and ORIGINAL PROPRIETOR. I have proved it in my practice to be

the best article of the kind known in the country, as it is the first and only one which has been established by its success as worthy of the name. There is an *Electuary* (so called) manufactured in this city, which is vend- ed here, and in various parts of the country, as, a PATENT MEDICINE, but it is merely an imitation of this, and, to say the least of it, a SURREPTITIOUS ART- CLE, which is only deserving of reprobation. Those who need and wish to obtain the genuine Pile Electu- ary, on which they can confidently rely for a cure, will secure the object desired by purchasing the article as prepared of the BEST INGREDIENTS, by the ORIGINAL PROPRIETOR.

#### VEGETABLE EMETIC.

A better article of the kind is not known. It is one of the most easy and effective in its operation—and is particularly recommended in every derangement of the digestive organs, in dyspepsia, in affections of the liver, in bilious and febrile complaints, sick and nervous headache, loss of appetite, pulmonary diseases, croup or hives, whooping cough, apoplexy, hysteria, fits, &c.

#### RESTORATIVE WINE BITTERS. (POWDER.)

These will be found exceedingly valuable in all cases of debility, pain in the breast, incipient consumption, and those inward complaints peculiar to females—such as fluor albus, or white flows, prolapsis uteri, or falling of the womb, excessive menses, &c. By giving tone to the digestive organs they are peculiarly useful in dyspepsia or indigestion, and are thus beneficial in removing costiveness, sour stomach, flatulency, &c.

#### INGREDIENTS FOR MAKING THE PULMONARY SYRUP.

For colds, coughs, consumption, spitting of blood, pain in the breast, &c. This medicine has been extensively used in the PRIVATE PRACTICE of the original proprietor for many years, and its virtues have been fully tested in various diseases of the lungs and chest. It promotes expectoration, allays the cough, gives tone and strength to the system, and has REPEATEDLY PROVED EFFICACIOUS WHEN ALL OTHER MEANS HAVE FAILED.

#### WORM POWDER.

This powder is designed to remove worms from the stomach and bowels, while at the same time it cleanses and strengthens those organs, and has been the most successful in removing worms from children and adults of any other vermifuge that I have known.

#### FEVER AND AGUE POWDERS.

This preparation possesses strong tonic properties, and will be found a sovereign remedy for the fever and ague or intermittent fever in all its stages, without the least injury to the constitution, but instead of this it gives vigor and tone to all the impaired functions.

#### ANTI-BILIOUS FAMILY PILLS.

These pills are the product or extract of the roots of medicinal plants, and are possessed of stimulating, detergent, or cleansing properties, and are a PERFECT SUBSTITUTE FOR MERCURY, and other drastic purgatives; operating without nausea, or sickness of the stomach, or griping. They promote the healthy ac- tion

dons of the stomach, liver, and intestines, removing bilious and morbid accumulations of matter—hence, they are efficacious in cases of dyspepsia, or indigestion, disease of the bowels, costiveness, pain in the stomach and side, fever, or determination of blood to the head. They also act on the urinary organs, thus curing dropsy and affections of the kidneys, also gravel, suppression of urine, &c. They are invaluable in Southern climates, and to all persons disposed to bilious attacks.

#### RHEUMATIC PILLS.

These pills are very efficacious in every case of rheumatism. They attenuate viscid humors, remove obstructions, and thus cure the complaint. The Rheumatic liquid used in connection with these pills, to bathe the parts affected, will do much to hasten a cure.

#### HEPATIC OR LIVER PILLS.

These remove obstructions of the liver, and act *specifically upon that organ*, changing its secretions. They are excellent in all affections of the liver, generally removing the pain in the side and shoulder in a short time; they act generally upon the bowels, accomplishing vastly more than is represented to be effected by MERCURY. These pills have the very highest reputation with those who have used them.

#### ANTI-DYSPEPTIC AND TONIC PILLS.

These operate mildly on the stomach and bowels, cleansing and imparting to them tone and energy, without producing debility—hence they are useful in loss of appetite, weakness of the stomach, habitual costiveness, indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn, dizziness, and all those complaints peculiar to females—also for pain in the breast, cough, and general debility.

#### FEMALE PILLS.

These pills are an effective remedy in difficult, painful, and obstructed menses—and are of great value in all cases of chlorosis or green sickness.

#### COUGH PILLS.

For colds, coughs, bronchitis, tickling in the throat, pain and tightness in the chest, and difficulty of breathing. A very valuable remedy, and one which has been very successful.

#### NERVOUS PILLS.

For neuralgia, and all nervous diseases. These pills relieve pain, produce quiet and rest, and give tone to the nervous system.

#### ANODYNE PILLS.

For cramps, fits, colic, and all severe cases of pain.

#### COMPOUND ULMUS POWDER FOR POULTICES.

This is unequalled in all kinds of inflammation, sore and inflamed breasts, inflammation of the eyes, burns, ulcers, erysipelas, or St. Anthony's Fire, piles, white swellings, king's evil, and cuts or wounds.

#### CATARRH POWDERS.

These powders are an excellent remedy for catarrh, and other obstructions in the head arising from colds, or from a determination of blood to the brain, &c.

#### BLACK OR HEALING SALVE.

This salve seldom or never fails to benefit or cure ulcers, cuts, sore nipples, burns, and sores of all kinds. It will be found excellent in every case where a healing salve is needed.

#### IRRITATING PLASTER.

This is one of the most valuable of counter-irritant. By being applied over the parts affected it relieves acute and chronic pains in the side and chest, and inflammation of the throat or bronchitis. It cures deafness, or dullness of hearing, and is one of the very best remedies for all DISEASES OF THE SPINE, and of the head or brain.

#### EXPECTORANT AND ANTI-SPASMODIC DROPS.

These drops are stimulant and expectorant, and have an immediate effect in relieving whooping cough, croup, or hives, asthma, inflammation of the lungs, and in all cases where there is difficulty of expectoration or breathing—also in epilepsy, and common fits.

#### RHEUMATIC LIQUID.

This compound is admirably calculated to cure rheumatism, sprains, contraction of the tendons, white swellings, ague in the breast and face, spinal irritation and weakness, quincy, sore throat, and all painful and neuralgic affections, situated in any part of the body.

#### COMPOSITION FOR STEAMING AND FOMENTATION.

This is very efficacious in removing pain of any kind. It is very valuable in white swelling, rheumatism, felon, ague in the face and breast, inflammations, piles, &c.

#### COMPOUND TINCTURE.

For a disordered state of the stomach and bowels. This has cured or relieved chronic cases of dyspepsia of twenty years standing.

It has a striking effect in giving speedy and general relief to all persons affected with low spirits, general debility, loss of appetite, habitual costiveness, a torpid, inactive, and fevered state of the bowels, and in all cases of a weak condition of the nervous system. It has a most cheering and reviving effect upon the mind and body throughout, which have been borne down for years under the prostrating influence of chronic disease of the digestive apparatus.

#### DIURETIC DROPS.

For the gravel, and all affections of the kidneys, or difficulty in voiding urine, attended with heat and scalding. It will also be found invaluable in fluor albus, or white flows, gonorrhoea, &c.

#### BROWN OINTMENT.

This ointment is designed to remove the itch, salt rheum or tetter, scald head, St. Anthony's Fire, and all diseases of the skin. It is equally good for sore and inflamed eyes, and particularly the lids. It is cooling, cleansing, and healing.

#### COUGH DROPS.

These drops are excellent to allay colds, coughs, hoarseness, and other bronchial affections.

## SUDORIFIC TINCTURE OR SWEATING DROPS.

This medicine is truly unsurpassed in fulfilling the indications for which it is given, which is generally to produce perspiration; and hence is eminently beneficial in all attacks from mumps, quinsy, violent cold, and consequent checked perspiration, in fevers of all kinds, inflammations, and to relieve violent pains in the limbs, stomach, bowels, breast, &c. One or two doses, aided by warm infusions, and bathing the feet, cause a copious perspiration. I know of no medicine which is so certain and effectual in its operation.

I have given in the preceding list the names, and described the objects, in brief, of the various kinds of medicines which I use in my practice, and which the experience of almost THIRTY YEARS, in thousands of cases, under my own personal observation, has proved to be the best, the most powerful, prompt, and successful remedies WHICH CAN BE FOUND WITHIN THE WHOLE RANGE OF THE MATERIA MEDICA. I have tried minerals of all sorts—patent medicines of various kinds, possessing the highest and strongest recommendations—homeopathic infinitesimals, and every other form of treatment known and prescribed by the various schools of medicine—in good faith—not to prove them false, but honestly, sincerely, intensely desirous of ascertaining WHAT WOULD CURE MY PATIENTS, and I can say with the most undoubting confidence, a confidence established by innumerable facts, that the MEDICINES recommended in the preceding list, ARE NOT SURPASSED BY ANY IN THE KNOWN WORLD. They have operated successfully, where all other means have failed—they have raised multitudes from apparently the bed of death, when hope had fled from the minds of patients and their friends,—and they are valued as inestimable by thousands, and tens of thousands, who know them by their salutary effects in their own families and persons.

The ANTI-BILLIOUS FAMILY PHYSIC, I know to be the very best purgative in existence. Its action upon all the secretions is great, healthful, and whatever the difficulty may be, nothing can be better to begin with. It is almost invariably the first article which I prescribe, in nearly every case to which I am called. This, followed with other appropriate medicines, generally accomplishes the desired object. It as effectually relaxes the skin as it does the bowels, and thus restores the insensible perspiration—thus breaks up fevers, colds, constipations, inflammations, &c., &c. The ANTI-BILLIOUS PILLS are a very effective but gentle purgative, acting specifically upon the biliary apparatus, relieving and toning the organs. No better pill can be found, unless we except the HEPATIC or LIVER PILLS, which act directly and specifically upon that important organ, the liver. These are truly of the very

highest value in all complaints or affections of the liver, whether from being congested or gorged with blood, inflamed, swollen, enlarged, or torpid. In all cases the action of this medicine will be most potent and efficacious. If the countenance be yellow, the mind depressed and gloomy—if pain exist in the side, shoulder, and head, and the appetite gone, this justly celebrated remedy will disperse them all.

THE PULMONIC POWDER, for consumption, cough, spitting of blood, &c., has acquired the very highest reputation, by its extraordinary success in curing some of the most desperate cases. I have known it cure patients where neither their friends or myself had any real expectations of seeing a cure effected—cases in which were to be found the most discouraging symptoms, as an apparently unconquerable cough, great expectoration, great emaciation or loss of flesh, terrible night sweats, and the greatest consequent debility. YET THEY HAVE RECOVERED BY MEANS OF THIS MEDICINE. Equally valuable in all diseases of the blood, is the ALTERATIVE POWDER. Its operation is most searching and manifest in purifying the system of bad humors, of morbid matter, and hence its success has been wonderful in curing scrofula, skin eruptions, ulcers, fever sores, and rheumatism. The same high estimate may be and is justly put upon the RESTORATIVE WINE BITTERS, the PILE ELECTUARY, the ANTI-DYSPEPTIC, and the FEMALE PILLS, RHEUMATIC PILLS and LIQUID, the NEUTRALIZING MIXTURE, and FEVER AND AGUE POWDERS, &c., &c., &c.

Besides the above medicines, I shall be able to supply any orders for various tinctures, syrups, &c., mentioned in my Pharmacy—as THE BALM OF GLEET, THE TINCTURE, IMPROVED TINCTURE OF LAVENDER COMPOUND, and many others—also THE CONCENTRATED VEGETABLE SYRUP, to cure scrofulous, syphilitic, mercurial, and eruptive diseases—for the purification of the blood, and the cure of fevers, gout, rheumatism, and constitutional derangement—the PULMONIC SYRUP, for colds, coughs, consumption, spitting of blood, pain in the breast, ulceration of the lungs, and bronchitis—and the RESTORATIVE WINE BITTERS, all which are put up—the tinctures in vials, and the syrups and bitters in bottles, holding about a quart. The ingredients for making the syrups and also for making the wine bitters, are put up in boxes, as named in the preceding list, and either in boxes or bottles may be ordered, as the purchaser or agent may prefer.

There are many other medicines mentioned in my work which are not named in this list, but which can be readily put up, when ordered in any quantity to warrant the expense and trouble of preparing them.

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